

Thomas R. Durocher
307 S. Church St.
Middletown, MD 21769
2270 99 SEP 15 09:48

Dockets Management Branch
Food and Drug Administration
5630 Fishers Lane, Room 1061
Rockville, MD 20852

August 12, 1999

Re: Dockets 98N-1230, 96P-0418, 97P-0197

I understand that the FDA is seeking public comment on the above dockets. Here are my views:

Warning labels are not sufficient to protect the public health. These are easily and frequently ignored.

Forced molting should be prohibited because it has been shown to promote disease in the hens, which may then infect humans who eat the birds or their eggs. The act of starving animals is also unconscionable.

My understanding is that the FDA was petitioned in April 1998 to ban forced molting. This petition should be granted without further delay.

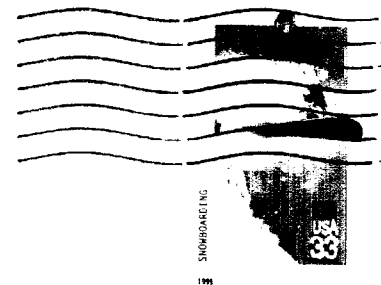
Sincerely,

Thomas R. Durocher

• 97P-0197

C 528

Thomas R. Durocher
307 S. Church St.
Middletown, MD 21769



Dockets Management Branch (HFA-305)
Food and Drug Administration
5630 Fishers Lane, Room 1061
Rockville, MD 20852



HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION
CROSS REFERENCE SHEET

Docket Number/Item Code: 98N-1230/C527

See Docket Number/Item Code: 97P-0197/C528
96P-0418/C527